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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING: KRAFT LINER

REF: (A) LONDON 12687; (B) BRUSSELS 9376; (C) LONDON

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1. PEACOCK OF THE BRITISH PAPER AND BOARD INDUSTRY
FEDERATION TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY AUGUST 4 TO ASK
WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY RECENT RESPONSE TO HIS
ASSOCIATION'S APPROACH (REF C). WE RESPONDED THAT WE
HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM WASHINGTON SINCE WE LAST TALKED
TO HIM ON JULY 8. HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED, GIVEN
THAT THIS IS THE VACATION SEASON; HE ADDED THAT IN ANY
CASE HE REGARDED THE BALL AS BEING IN U.S. COURT.

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FINALLY, HE INFORMED US THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO TRAVEL TO
THE U.S. AND WOULD BE VISITING THE AMERICAN PAPER
INSTITUTE (WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT).

2. REGARDING REF B, IT IS TRUE THAT THE UK'S RIGHTS
TO TAKE ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS TERMINATED ON JULY 1.
HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN

ITS ANTI-DUMPING STAFF AND HAS MADE A PUBLIC POINT OF THE FACT THAT IT WILL BE LOOKING OVER THE EC COMMISSION'S SHOULDER - OR, PUT MORE POLITELY, WILL BE SEEKING TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION.

3. IN THIS CASE, EVERYTHING IS, IN ANY EVENT, INFORMAL. THE AGGRIEVED PAPER INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS HAVE NOT MADE A FORMAL COMPLAINT (THEY HAVE PRESENTED THEIR CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, AND HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THIS EMBASSY), AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAS NOT OPENED A FORMAL INVESTIGATION.

4. WE DO THINK THE TRANSFER FROM LONDON TO BRUSSELS OF ANTI-DUMPING POWERS, ON PAST PERFORMANCE, MAKES FORMAL ACTION IN DUMPING CASES LESS LIKELY. THIS MAY BE ONE CONSIDERATION UNDERLYING THE EMPHASIS OF THE COMPLAINING PAPER ASSOCIATIONS ON INFORMAL APPROACHES, INCLUDING APPROACHES TO THE USG AND THE AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

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